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LB 57, 85, 90, 114, 209, 256, 400, 420  
457, 701, 703, 715, 843

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President, I rise to urge the body to sustain the Governor's veto, not so much on the merits, but, obviously, this particular motion is the largest chunk we are going to deal with all day. It is \$2 1/2 million for the biennium. Several people have come up to me and asked me the question about, well, if we override these, where is the money going to come from? I have referred you to the back of the handout I supplied you this morning were a list of bills passed on to the Governor that have not been signed yet; such as the opportunity that you may have heard the Clerk read in a series of bills that have been returned that are signed, LB 57, LB 85, LB 90, LB 114, LB 209, LB 256, LB 400, LB 420, LB 457, LB 701, LB 703, and LB 715, all those bills have been signed by the Governor. They amount to about a million dollars each year, and so that is just one less thing, one less, not one less, about 15 less bills, actually, in the mix here as we work and try and balance our budget here in the 90th day, and so, obviously, with those things out of the picture, there is fewer and fewer items on the Governor's desk that gives him the ability to balance the budget, and I assure you that he...I mean I don't assure you that he will, but from what I have heard, and I concur with the numbers, at least, he will make that budget balance, and he will do it with something else over there, and this particular one, as I mentioned, is \$2.4 million for the biennium. It is a large chunk and I would, given the situation that we have already spent the dollars we have, I would reluctantly rise to urge the body to sustain this veto.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Madam President and members. This is kind of tough for me and I am rising...I am not going to vote to override, but I do feel compelled, in this case, to defend somewhat the R&D Authority. It hurts me very much to have to vote against it because I realize this is a very severe cut, but I think we ought to realize that this is a good organization, and I am not...the reason I am not voting for the override is because I know where the money is coming from. It is coming out of some good other well-deserved places. I am very surprised and disappointed that the Governor put this in originally and then decides to take it out. I think that is wrong and I am disappointed in that. And I am mostly rising to defend the R&D Authority in what they are doing, and I don't think they should be misaligned on this floor for personality conflicts or